



**MPSSAA SOCCER BULLETIN**  
 State Finals - November 13,14,15, 2008  
 UMBC, Catonsville

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Soccer tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Soccer Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated on page 1 (Section I) of this publication as well as those appearing within this Soccer Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. *During the regular season, a player disqualified under National Federation (NF) Rule 12-8-2 can be permitted to play in the next game, depending on the ejection policies of the local school system or conference. Starting with the first region contest and continuing throughout the tournament, a player who is disqualified under NF Rule 12-8 (Articles 2, 3, or 4) shall be barred from participating in the team's next game. For interpretation refer to Misconduct Detrimental to a Tournament, see Rule .07C(11) on Page 40 in the MPSSAA Handbook.*
- F. **All regional games must be played on the designated date shown below unless there is a field conflict. If a field conflict occurs, then the regional game should be played on the day prior to the designated date.**
- G. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
- H. Ties and suspended games (regular season)
  - 1. A game ending in a tie shall be resolved by two (if necessary) sudden-victory overtime periods of 10 minutes each. The game shall end with the first overtime goal. If two overtime periods are played without a goal being scored, the game shall be declared a tie. A coin shall be flipped prior to the first overtime period. The coin flip procedure is the same as used to start a game. The interval between the second half and the first overtime period shall be five minutes. The interval between the first overtime period and a second overtime period (if necessary) shall be two minutes.

2008 SOCCER TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug 16 ....First practice date		
Sep 5 .....First play date	Oct 24 .....First Round	Nov 7/8 .....Semifinals
Oct 20 ....Draw for tournament bracket positions	Oct 28.....Quarterfinals	Nov 13/14/15 ....Finals
Oct 22 ....Last play date	Oct 31.....Semifinals	
Oct 29 ....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	Nov 4 .....Finals	Dec 15 .....Reimbursement request due

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2. *A game suspended prior to the completion of the first half shall be continued from the point of suspension (see NF Rule 7-1-3, Situation A).*
3. *A game suspended after the completion of the first half shall be considered an official game unless the local supervisor(s) gives permission to complete the game from the point of suspension.*

## **II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS**

### **A. Tournament Organization**

1. Every team is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. NO ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT UNTIL THE QUARTERFINALS ARE OVER.
  - a. ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN REGION QUARTERFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. The entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 (day following the quarterfinals).
  - b. The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than Oct. 29.
  - c. THE ONLINE ENTRY METHOD MUST BE USED. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 6-7 in Section I of this publication.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Doubleheaders will be played where boys and girls matchups exist for both schools, unless the draw or facility prohibits it. For the 2008 tournament, the boys game will be the early game. Each subsequent year, the order will be reversed.
5. A suspended tournament game shall be continued from the point of suspension unless the game is declared complete by mutual agreement between the two schools.

### **B. Playing Rules**

1. The State Soccer Committee has adopted the National Federation recommendation that a player or coach disqualified from a region or state tournament game under NF Rule 12-8 (Articles 2, 3, or 4) shall be barred from participating in the team's next game. For interpretation refer to Misconduct Detrimental to a Tournament, see Rule .07C(11) on Page 40 in the MPSSAA Handbook.
2. The overtime procedure for tournament progression is the same as used during the regular season (refer to the preceding section I.G.1). In the event the match remains tied after two sudden victory overtime periods, there will be a penalty kick tiebreaker to determine a winner. The following Penalty Kick Procedure shall be used.
  - a. This procedure will be used for the state championship matches, as well as all regional and state semifinal matches.
  - b. Organization mechanics: The designated home team or tournament committee, (if the game is being managed by the committee), shall:
    - (1) supply sufficient ball persons to enable the procedure to operate efficiently.
    - (2) be responsible for providing sufficient security for the penalty kick procedure so that it may be conducted without interference to those involved.

3. The officials will:
  - a. gather all players in the center circle who completed the second overtime period.
  - b. designate the goal at which the penalty kicks will be taken.
  - c. choose three balls for use.
  - d. begin the penalty kick procedure after a three-minute intermission period. The following procedures shall apply:
    - (1) A coin toss shall occur, with the visiting team calling the toss. The winner of the toss will have the choice of shooting first or defending first.
    - (2) The penalty kick tiebreaker will initially be based on the performance of five kickers designated by the coach from each team. Coaches should identify one kicker at a time. Attempts shall be made in alternating order until one team has an insurmountable advantage.
      - (a) If the score is tied after the five designated players have taken their shots, then a sudden-victory round begins which includes the remaining eligible players for each team who were not part of the initial penalty kicking phase.
      - (b) If the score remains tied after the completion of (a) above, then the sudden-victory round continues with all eligible players from each team becoming eligible for a second shot. A coach may change the order from the initial round. No player can take a third shot until all eligible players from both teams have taken their second shot, and so on.
4. Coaches' responsibilities:
  - a. Each coach shall be solely responsible for utilizing only eligible players as the team's participants. Participation by an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. Ineligible participation would include, but not be limited to: a field player who was not in the game at the end of the second overtime or a shooter taking a second attempt in a cycle before all of the shooter's eligible teammates have taken their first attempts in the same cycle.
  - b. Only the head coach and one assistant will be permitted to join the players in the center circle. Remaining players, coaches, and team attendants shall be completely off the field of play and in their team bench areas.
5. Kicking Procedure
  - a. Participants
    - (1) Only those players on the field at the end of the second 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period, including the goalkeeper, are eligible for the penalty kick tiebreaker.
    - (2) If the goalkeeper is injured during the penalty kicks and must be removed, the goalkeeper may be replaced by a substitute. This substitute may be selected from any players on the team. However, a goalkeeper, once substituted for, may NOT be reinstated. The substitute for the goalkeeper will take part in the penalty kicks. If a player already on the field replaces the goalkeeper, an additional kicker may be brought in from the bench, but cannot kick until all of the players from that team have kicked. This substitute must be the team's final kicker in each cycle.
  - b. The eligible shooters for each team shall take scoring attempts in any sequence the head coach desires. The head coach shall direct each shooter to report to the official at the penalty kick stripe immediately after the completion of the previous shooter's attempt. A shooter may not be changed after reporting to the official. The shooting order need not be the same in the second cycle.

- c. The official shall record the player's name, number, the order in the team's cycle in which the attempt was made, and the result of the kick.
  - d. A goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be stationed outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and the penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.
  - e. Any deliberate action or inaction by the shooter or goalkeeper which delays the start of an attempt shall result in the official issuing a caution to the offending player. Such cautions will carry full disciplinary penalties, including disqualification, if it is a player's second caution of the game.
6. The game shall end and the team declared the winner which has:
- a. attained an insurmountable lead over its opponent before the initial phase of five penalty kickers is completed; or
  - b. scored more goals than its opponent upon completion of the initial phase of five penalty kickers; or
  - c. scored one more goal than its opponent at any point after each has taken an equal number of shots during the sudden-victory phase of the penalty kick tiebreaker.

### III. REGION TOURNAMENT

#### A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
  - a. The region director is responsible for the employment of local officials for region games plus qualified adults as scorers and timers. Two- or three-person crews will be used based upon the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team.
  - b. The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
2. The draw for bracket positions (including the breaking of ties) will take place Monday, October 20, in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> the same evening.
  - a. **A team must have played a minimum of nine regular season games prior to the submittal of official records on October 19, 2008 to be eligible for a seeded position in the regional tournament..**
  - b. Region directors will verify and submit the official records of all teams through Oct. 18 to the state director by noon on Oct. 19.
  - c. The top four teams in each region will be seeded 1-4 as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional holiday tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. **Ties among the top four teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used.**
  - d. The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw.
  - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.

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4A West	Haroot Hakopian	Churchill	301-469-1217
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4A South	Terry Parfitt	Laurel	301-497-2078
4A East	Tom Degner	Arundel	410-674-6500
3A West	Mark Wolcott	Tuscarora	240-236-6547
3A North	Sue Winemiller	Western	410-396-7035
3A South	Jennifer Henderson	Leonardtwn	301-475-0200
3A East	Dean Sheridan	Glenelg	410-313-5528
2A West	Heather Kline	Middletown	240-236-7400
2A North	Sue Lane	Randallstown	410-887-0748
2A South	Peter DiMarco	Hammond	410-313-7615
2A East	Terry Webster	Parkside	410-677-5143
1A West	Martha Mauzy	(Mountain Ridge)	301-687-8014
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1A South	Carly Cyleneica	Perryville	410-996-6000
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## 2008 BOYS SOCCER REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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4A North	Derek Maki	Kenwood	410-887-0145
4A South	George Kallas	Eleanor Roosevelt	301-513-5400
4A East	Jeff Martin	Old Mill	410-923-6227
3A West	Jim Reigel	Linganore	443-340-1681
3A North	Dave Lane	Catonsville	410-887-0815
3A South	Dave Anderson	Lackey	301-743-5431
3A East	Chris Hoover	Fallston	410-638-4120
2A West	Mike Tesla	South Hagerstown	301-766-8377
2A North	Pete Glaudemans	Eastern Tech	410-887-0190
2A South	Brett Culver	Oakland Mills	410-313-6945
2A East	Don Barclay	Rising Sun	410-658-9115
1A West	Ray Kiddy	Allegany	301-777-8110
1A North	Carol Ansell	Samuel Banks	410-396-9262
1A South	Andy Bleichfeld	Harford Tech	410-638-3804
1A East	Alan Byrd (Pocomoke)	Pocomoke Middle	410-632-5150

3. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, ALL REGION GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE SITE OF THE HIGHER SEED throughout the tournament. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remain.
  - a. A site suitable for a regular season game may be unsuitable for a playoff game. Region directors should work with local supervisors to assure that region sites meet field and safety criteria.
  - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
  - c. The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the higher-placed team. This may be done upon the written request of the region director, with the approval by a two-thirds representative vote of the athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region. The request must be received prior to October 1.

4. Uniforms shall comply with current Federation rules. The designated home team will wear the light jersey and light socks. The designated visiting team will wear the dark jersey and dark socks.
5. The Soccer Committee will approve for use only those sites that meet the following field criteria:
  - a. The field shall be a minimum size of 110 yds. x 55 yds.
  - b. The field of play shall conform to current NF Rule 1-2, (Articles 1-11).
  - c. It is the responsibility of the host school to provide and enforce crowd control measures in accordance with NF Rule 1-6-1.
  - d. Restrooms, dressing rooms, and shower facilities must be available for those visiting teams that request such in advance.
  - e. There must be a qualified game manager other than the participating coach.
6. When a school cannot meet the game site criteria above, the region director shall designate an alternative site, after consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics.
7. Region playoffs will begin Oct. 24 and be completed by Nov. 4. The last play date shall be Oct. 22.
8. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

#### B. General Policies

1. College Board exams: When scheduling games, region directors should avoid conflicts with the SAT tests on Saturday, Nov. 1.
2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.
3. Region champions will receive a team plaque and 25 individual certificates.
4. Region champions will complete the media information form (found on the soccer page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the state semifinals **and finals with updated information.**

### IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

#### A. Tournament Organization

1. Both the boys' and the girls' tournament finals will be held at UMBC on November 13/14/15, with times and pairings to be determined.
2. Member schools shall not schedule practice or scrimmage sessions at the sites of final championship games.
3. Three-person crews will be assigned through the MPSSAA office.
4. The Soccer Committee shall appoint a Game Manager for each semifinal and final game. The game manager is responsible for the field preparation, finances, the safe conduct of the game, and should be in contact with both teams as to time, uniforms, and game procedures. The manager is responsible for tickets received, monies collected, monies paid out, and shall submit a financial report to the Association following the game.
5. **2008–2009 semifinal pairings:** West (#1) vs. North (#4); South (#2) vs. East (#3).

6. Both the boys and the girls semifinals will be played at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 or 8 at sites to be announced. In 2008, boys will play the early game.
7. For the finals, two games will be played on Thursday, Nov. 13 and two games will be played on Friday, Nov. 14. Four games will be played on Saturday, Nov. 15.

**B. General Policies**

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged the following admission:
  - a. State Semifinals - \$6.
  - b. State Finals - \$8.
2. If a final game is tied at the end of the overtime periods, The penalty kick procedure will be used to determine a state champion.
3. The team champion in each classification will receive a plaque, 25 individual awards, and the game ball. The finalist team will receive a plaque and 25 individual awards.

**PROJECTED MPSSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT DATES**  
 2009 - November 19/20/21      2010 - November 18/19/20  
 2011 - November 17/18/19

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